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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHTS OF EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA

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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, WE PREFER AT THIS TIME NOT TO HAVE GOI APPROACH GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY ON OVERFLIGHTS AND ARE PLANNING TO USE ROUTE OVER EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. IN ADDITION TO CARGO FLIGHTS, DOD PLANS DELIVERY OF THIRTY-SIX F-4 AIRCRAFT TO IRAN BY MID-1976, THIRTEEN TO SIXTEEN OF WHICH WOULD BE DELIVERED BY END OF JUNE 1975. PLANS CALL FOR F-4 AIRCRAFT DELIVERY IN FLIGHTS OF TWO OR MORE WITH ASSOCIATED KC-135 TANKER AERIAL REFUELING OVER EGYPT.

2. UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR APPROACHING APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS TO INFORM THEM OF ABOVE AND REQUEST THAT IRANIAN AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO AND JIDDA INFORM RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO IRAN OF THESE FLIGHTS WITH REQUEST FOR THEIR COOPERATION.

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3. IF GOI WILLING UNDERTAKE THESE STEPS, WE WOULD THEN IN-
STRUCT EMBASSIES CAIRO AND JIDDA TO COORDINATE WITH
IRANIAN EMBASSIES AND MAKE PARALLEL BUT SEPARATE APPROACH.

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